

The 9th SNSS Annual Meeting and the 10th SNSS Congress with international participation

"Focus. Dedication. Specialization" Belgrade, Serbia, 30/10/2023-03/11/2023

OFFICIAL REPORT

The 9th SNSS Annual Meeting and the 10th SNSS Congress with international participation "Focus. Dedication. Specialization" took place at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Belgrade, Serbia, from October 30th to November 3rd, 2023.

This Meeting was organized as a Joint venture with the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies-EANS, the World Academy of Neurological Surgery-WANS, the Continental Association of African Neurological Societies-CAANS, the Society of British Neurological Surgeons-SBNS, the Italian Society of Neurosurgery-SiNch, the Turkish Neurosurgical Society-TNS, the Hellenic Neurosurgical Society-HNSS, the International Academy of Neurosurgical Anatomy-IANA, and the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society-SeENS, hosted by the Serbian Neurosurgical Society (SNSS).

The Meeting has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with 34 European CME credits (ECMEC@s) and by the Health Council of the Republic of Serbia as an International Congress.

"Focus. Dedication. Specialization" gathered 1.310 participants from 62 countries worldwide in total.

The Meeting was held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Serbia, H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vucic, and under the Aegis of the Ministry of Health Republic of Serbia and Minister of Health, Prof. Dr. Danica Grujicic, endorsed by the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovations and Minister, Dr. Jelena Begovic, and the Ministry of Education and Minister, Prof. Dr. Slavica Djukic Dejanovic.

The importance of the event has been recognized by all the relevant institutions in the Republic of Serbia.

To stimulate neurosurgeons, especially young ones, 30 grants (free registration and accommodation) for the best papers selected by the Scientific Committee were provided.

During the neurosurgical week from October 30 to November 3, 2023, each day was dedicated to one of the neurosurgical clinics and centers from Serbia, which hosted that day as a joint meeting with visiting international associations, representing the most important professional and neurosurgical associations worldwide.

On October 29-30, 2023, the Partners of the Erasmus+ (KA220-HED -Cooperation partnerships in higher education) project met in Belgrade. The project Supporting



medical students in making informed decisions for their neurosurgery residency pathways - Neuro(de)cision project has been implemented by partners: Humanitas University, Italy; International Neuroscience Institute - Hannover GmbH, Germany; University of Belgrade, Serbia; Lusí adas, S.A. Portugal

In the evening, the Welcome cocktail for faculty and participants of the neurosurgical week was held in the Hotel Crowne Plaza.

On October 30, 2023, the host was the Clinic for Neurosurgery, Clinical Centre of Vojvodina, which held a joint meeting with the World Academy of Neurological Surgery – WANS. Numerous sessions were held, including 1 Plenary session, 6 Parallel sessions, a Special symposium on Intraventricular tumors, the AI in Spine Surgery Symposium of the Schulthess Klinik Zurich, the Augmented & Virtual Reality Course, and Students Hands- on Suturing Course.

In the evening, the SNSS, EANS & WANS Dinner was held in the Red Queen Restaurant in Belgrade.

The emergence of neurosurgery in Serbia officially dates to 1923, when Milivoje Kostic performed his first surgical treatment of a pituitary tumor via the nose. On October 31st, 1938, Milivoje Kostic established a special Department of Neurosurgery within the Clinic of Surgery in Belgrade, and his brother, Slobodan Kostic, was named the first head of the department.

Thus, October 31st is the day of Serbian Neurosurgery and Neurosurgery Clinic UCCS. October 31st, 2023, was the day of the Central Celebration and the Ceremonial Academy. The host was the Neurosurgical Clinic, University Clinical Center of Serbia, which held a joint meeting with the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies – EANS.

The day started with the Opening ceremony in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Serbia, Mrs. Verica Lazic, provided the support along with numerous ambassadors, representatives of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, and the academic community.

Co-Presidents of the Meeting, Prof. Dr. Milos Jokovic, Director of the Neurosurgery Clinic UCCS, and Prof. Dr. Lukas Rasulic, President of the Serbian Neurosurgical Society, officially opened the Meeting and welcomed invited speakers, participants, and guests.

Prof. Dr. Danica Grujicic, Minister of Health, Dr. Jelena Begovic, Minister of Science, Technological Development and Innovations, and Prof. Dr. Slavica Djukic Dejanovic, Minister of Education, addressed the audience and gave support on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. The Opening ceremony continued with the welcome speeches of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine University of Belgrade, Prof. Dr. Lazar Davidovic, and the President of the EANS, Prof. Torstein Meling.

Prof. Dr. Milos Jokovic gave the presentation about the Neurosurgery Clinic UCCS and Foundations and landmarks of Serbian Neurosurgery: Slobodan Kostic, while Prof. Dr.

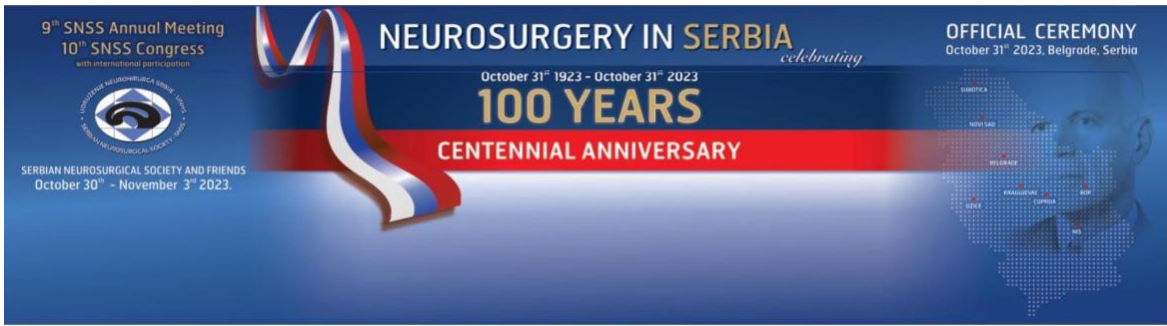


Aleksandar Simic, Chief of the Department of Surgery Faculty of Medicine University of Belgrade, gave the presentation Foundations and landmarks of Serbian Neurosurgery: Milivoje Kostic. The Opening ceremony finished with the Special guest lecture Development of neurosurgery in the last 100 years and my contribution for neurosurgery in half a century by Prof. Dr. Madjid Samii, President of the International Neuroscience Institute, Hannover, Germany, and Honorary President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies.



After the Opening ceremony, two Contemporary neurosurgery sessions were held with 25 lectures given by worldwide renowned experts from Europe, Asia, North and South America. In the evening, the National Theatre hosted the Ceremonial academy followed by the Ceremonial Dinner.





On October 31, 2023, the Neurosurgery clinic UCCS also organized a gala dinner for the clinic employees at the Kopernikus, Belgrade.

On November 1, 2023, the host was the Clinic for Neurosurgery Military Medical Academy, which held the joint meeting with International Academy of Neurosurgical Anatomy - IANA, The Society of British Neurological Surgeons - SBNS and Turkish Neurosurgical Society - TNS. 1 Plenary session, 1 IANA Special Course, 13 Parallel sessions and 3 Free topics sessions were held. In the evening, the spectacular Networking dinner was held in the Lafayette club, Belgrade.





The Networking dinner in the Lafayette club was assessed as one of the most extraordinary events by all guests and participants.

On November 2, 2023, the host was the Clinic for Neurosurgery, University Clinical Center Nis, which held the joint meeting with the Continental Association of African Neurological Societies - CAANS and the Italian Society of Neurosurgery - SiNCh. 1 Plenary session, 10 parallel sessions, 3 free topics sessions, SNSS&EANS YN event and Nursing symposium were held. The SNSS, CAANS, IANA, SBNS, SiNCh&TNS dinner was held in Dorcoleta, Belgrade.

On November 3, 2023, the hosts were Center for Neurosurgery, University Clinical Center Kragujevac and Department of Neurosurgery, Clinical Hospital Center Zemun, which held the joint meeting with Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society - SeENS & Hellenic Neurosurgical Society - HNS.

The lectures were presented within the various sessions, including 1 Plenary session, 10 Parallel sessions, 2 Free topics sessions. Traditionally, the Young neurosurgeons and students forum was held, and 2 best papers presented by Dr. Nebojsa Lasica from Novi Sad and Laurel Rauschenbach from Essen were awarded with a free participation at the SeENS Congress that will be held in Budapest, Hungary, in October 2024.

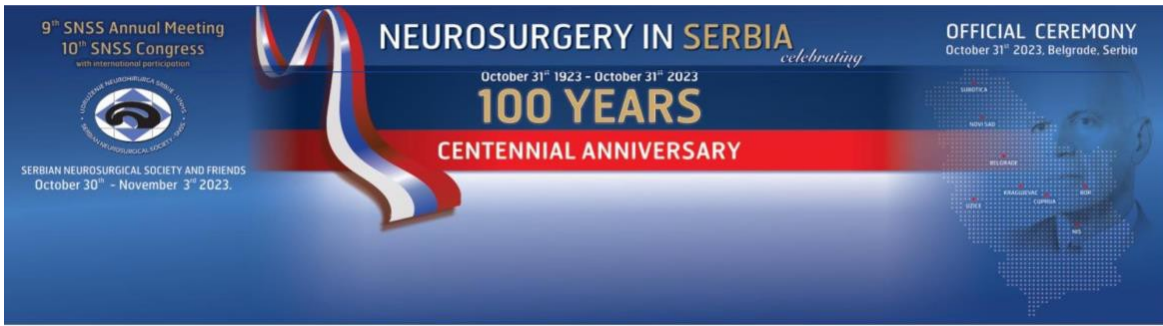
Also, the second edition of the Students Hands-on Suturing Course was held.

After the Closing ceremony, all participants enjoyed the Farewell cocktail held in the hotel Crowne Plaza.

The Meeting in numbers

The meeting was attended by total of 1310 participants from 62 countries, including faculty, participants, industry partners, guests, nursing technicians, medical students and volunteers.

During the extraordinary 4 Plenary sessions, 2 Contemporary neurosurgery sessions, 35 Parallel sessions, 1 IANA Special Course, 1 Augmented & Virtual Reality Course, 2 Students Hands-on Suturing Courses, 2 ERASMUS+ Projects Presentations, 3 Special Symposia, 1 SNSS&EANS YN Event, more than 350 experts introduced participants in all relevant topics from the field of neurosurgery. Around 100 oral presentations within 8 Free topics sessions, and 1 Young Neurosurgeons' and Students' Forum session were presented as well.



Video chronicle of the Meeting and the After movie

October 30, 2023, Day 1 video <https://youtu.be/xa6zjDjgUF8>

October 31, 2023, Day 2 video <https://youtu.be/taMhzeZpBRk>

November 1, 2023, Day 3 video <https://youtu.be/U7WRLyQ4fVE>

November 2, 2023, Day 4 video https://youtu.be/Pd9gww_Ijc4

November 3, 2023, Day 5 video <https://youtu.be/mNTwQXyXUcQ>

85 Years of Neurosurgery Clinic UCCS, video <https://youtu.be/DViSi9k6fV8> 100

Years of Neurosurgery in Serbia, video <https://youtu.be/4jezISsXz6I> SNSS
events (2013-2023), video https://youtu.be/lbaJJH_aldU

After movie <https://youtu.be/82bjii4Gmo8>

Instead of conclusion

Serbian Neurosurgical Society expresses sincere gratitude to colleagues from the European Association of Neurosurgical Societies, the World Academy of Neurological Surgery, the Continental Association of African Neurological Societies, the Society of British Neurological Surgeons, the Italian Society of Neurosurgery, the Turkish Neurosurgical Society, the Hellenic Neurosurgical Society, the International Academy of Neurosurgical Anatomy, and the Southeast Europe Neurosurgical Society, for entrusting us with the opportunity to host this joint internationally important scientific event.

During the Meeting many new contacts were achieved, experiences and ideas were exchanged, plans for further development of mutual cooperation and prosperity of the profession have been agreed. An impressive number of attendees, number of speakers and their importance in the field of neurosurgery, topics and lectures, but also social program have contributed to this event to be evaluated by the participants with the highest grade.

Report brought by

Prof. Dr. Lukas Rasulic

Co-president of the Meeting

Serbian Neurosurgical Society, President